

MHAC  
Policy/Legislative Subcommittee Meeting  
July 14, 2009  
9:30 a.m. EST

**MHAC Attendees:** Lucie Ferguson, Claudia Tellez

**MHAC Absent:** Michael Pyles, Rudolph Wilson

**OMHPHP Staff:** Susan Triggs, Karla Hutton - Intern

**Public Attendees:** None

**Welcome**

**/Introductions:** Attendees were welcomed and introduced themselves

**State Code**

**Evaluation:** Attendees reviewed the minority health codes of Indiana, Maryland, Missouri, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, and Rhode Island. There was consensus that the code language recommendation for the OMHPHP and MHAC must include a clear definition of “minority”. Attendees also agreed that health equity should be the focus.

Claudia Tellez discussed her experiences working with the Minority Health Advisory Committee in Illinois and advised the group that the committee reported directly to the Illinois Secretary of Health. There was consensus that suggestions can also be made regarding MHAC reporting changes. The suggestion was also made that the code language for MHAC should include the suggestion that legislators be appointed to the committee. Members thought this would give their suggestions more weight.

Since summer schedules have made it difficult to get all subcommittee members to these important meetings, the suggestion was made by Lucie Ferguson that language could be developed by e-mail. She and Claudia Tellez will develop the initial language that can then be sent to other members of the subcommittee for changes.

**Adjournment:** With no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

**Next Meeting:** The week of September 28, 2009